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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 6, 2003. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (claims 75-92) with traverse for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement with regard to Group II and Group III. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search both claims drawn to device with plate and claims drawn to method of amplification. Applicants note these groups are classified in the same class. Therefore, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement with respect to the Group II and Group III invention. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.



Respectfully submitted,

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